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## Education

J.D., University of Virginia  
School of Law, 2008

B.A., University of Virginia, 2004

## Bar Admissions

District of Columbia

Aryan Moniri is global head of the firm's Energy and Infrastructure Projects Group. He advises clients in developing, financing, acquiring and selling energy and infrastructure projects, both in the U.S. and internationally. Mr. Moniri regularly represents industry leaders in some of the most innovative transactions in the sector, as well as on a variety of ESG-related matters.

## Financing

Mr. Moniri has represented borrowers and lenders in financing transactions of all types, including project financings, acquisition financings and corporate financings. Significant recent representations include:

- an *ad hoc* group of bondholders in connection with the restructuring and related exchange offer of indebtedness of Martin Midstream
- BayWa in connection with a \$115 million revolving credit facility to support its development pipeline
- Brookfield Asset Management in connection with acquisition financing for the Los Ramones pipeline system in Mexico and a separate private placement relating to the northern portion of the pipeline
- Brookfield Renewable in connection with:
  - an acquisition financing for a distributed generation platform purchased from Exelon Generation Company that includes approximately 360 MW of operating projects (located in 13 states and Washington, D.C.) and 700 MW of capacity under development
  - the financing of various hydro assets
- First Solar in connection with the \$290 million financing of the 141 MW Luz del Norte solar project in Chile
- FTC Solar in connection with its corporate revolver
- Intel in connection with a first-of-its-kind \$30 billion joint investment arrangement with Brookfield relating to two new chip factories in Arizona
- Luminace in connection with various corporate and project financings, as well as a first-of-its-kind securitization
- MN8 Energy in connection with multiple private placements and its corporate credit facilities
- Pattern Energy in connection with:
  - the Sunzia transmission line and related generation projects
  - the construction and tax equity financing of the 220 MW Grady wind farm
  - construction, tax equity and back leverage financings totaling over \$1 billion for its two Broadview wind farms and the Western Interconnect transmission line
  - the \$1.7 billion debt and the tax equity financing for the Western Spirit wind project and transmission line, totaling approximately 1,050 MW in central New Mexico
  - the debt and tax-equity financings of its 105.2 MW Phoenix Solar project located in Fannin County, Texas
  - its investment in the 298 MW El Cabo wind farm
  - the \$205 million financing of the 122 MW Conejo solar project in Chile

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- Peru LNG S.R.L. in the financing of its \$3.8 billion LNG export project in Peru
  - Sonnedix in a joint venture with Cox Energy America in securing a \$120 million project financing provided by Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation for its 160 MWp Meseta de los Andes solar PV plant located in the Valparaíso region of Chile
  - Standard Solar in connection with various corporate and project financings
  - SunEdison and its subsidiaries in connection with more than \$4 billion in secured corporate credit facilities, project financings and warehouse facilities, including project financings in Chile, Honduras, India, Israel, Jordan and South Africa
  - Talen Energy in connection with:
    - its secured corporate credit facilities
    - the \$450 million project financing of its Lower Mount Bethel and Martins Creek power plants in PJM
    - the restructuring of its 2,532 MW Mach Gen portfolio
  - TerraForm Power in connection with:
    - the repowering and debt and tax equity financing of its Bishop Hill wind project
    - a \$475 million acquisition financing for an approximately 320 MW portfolio of distributed generation, residential and fuel cell assets acquired from AltaGas
    - a \$131 million private placement relating to a portfolio of wind projects
    - a \$113 million commercial bank financing of distributed generation solar projects
    - a \$78.8 million private placement relating to a 51 MW portfolio of utility-scale and distributed generation solar projects
    - a \$84 million private placement relating to a portfolio of utility-scale solar projects
    - a \$189.3 million term loan facility and \$22.5 million letter of credit facility for a portfolio of solar PV assets across 11 states and Washington, D.C.
    - a \$171 million private placement by the owner of a wind project
    - its corporate credit facilities and various other project financings
  - Urban Grid in connection with a revolving credit facility and certain project financings

## M&A

Mr. Moniri has extensive experience representing both buyers and sellers in connection with investments in energy and infrastructure assets. Significant recent representations include:

- Brookfield in connection with:
  - its sale of its 50% interest in Smoky Mountain, a 378 MW U.S. hydroelectric portfolio, to Argo Infrastructure Partners
  - its deal with Closed Loop Partners LLC to establish Circular Services, a joint venture in the recycling space
  - the \$733 million sale of a 391 MW portfolio of four operating wind assets in California and New Hampshire to NextEra Energy Partners
  - the \$1.5 billion sale of a 49.9% equity interest in an 852 MW portfolio of wind generating assets in the U.S. to a group of South Korean infrastructure investors comprised of Korea Hydro & Nuclear Power Co., Ltd., Alpha Asset Management, Sprott Korea Investment, Hana Financial Investment Co., Ltd. and Korea Investment & Securities Co., Ltd.
  - its \$3.5 billion acquisition of an additional 30% stake in FirstEnergy Transmission, LLC from FirstEnergy Corp. This followed a previous \$2.4 billion acquisition of a 19.9% stake in the company from FirstEnergy Corp
  - the acquisition of co-controlling interests in two natural gas pipelines in Mexico from affiliates of BlackRock, Inc.
  - its acquisition of Standard Solar
- Francis Renewable Energy, an electric vehicle charging station operator, in a minority investment by Alliance Resource Partners, L.P.
- SunEdison in connection with the sale, through bankruptcy, of nearly all of its assets

Mr. Moniri has been named a Rising Star by *The National Law Journal* and a Rising Star in Project Finance by *Law360*. He also has been recognized in *Chambers USA* and *The Legal 500 U.S.*